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NOTABLE DEATHS

JOHN FORREST DILLON was born in Montgomery county, New York, December 25, 1831; he died in New York City, May 5, 1914. He removed with his parents to Davenport, Iowa Territory, when six years of age and attended private school in that place. When about seventeen years old he began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. Egbert S. Barrows of Davenport, attended one course of lectures in the Rock Island Medical School at Rock Island, the original of the Keokuk College of Physicians and Surgeons, and a second course at Davenport to which the school had removed. He graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1850. After a few months' experience at Farmington, Van Buren county, he found that the practice of medicine was physically impossible for him under the conditions of those days, and took up the study of law. He was admitted to the bar of the district court in Scott county in 1852, and the same year was elected prosecuting attorney for that county. In 1858 he was elected judge of the district court for the Seventh District, served the six year term and was re-elected for a second term. The year following he was nominated by the Republican party for judge of the Supreme Court, received the election and served six years. After his re-election for a second term, but before he had qualified, he received from President Grant the appointment of U. S. circuit judge. This office he held until 1879 when he accepted the professorship of law at Columbia University, and removed to New York City, maintaining his residence and practice there until his death. He resumed private practice in 1882. His remains were interred in Oakdale Cemetery at Davenport on May 9th. He was the author of Dillon's Municipal Corporations, which is regarded as a legal classic and of numerous other books on legal subjects. A memorial to his wife, Anna Price Dillon, was published by him for distribution among her friends. He was an orator of repute and delivered many celebrated addresses and orations. A biographical sketch of Judge Dillon by Hon. Edward H. Stiles may be found in ANNALS OF IOWA, vol. IX, nos. 2 and 3.

GEORGE DOUGLAS PERKINS was born in Holly, Orleans county, New York, February 29, 1840; he died at Sioux City, Iowa, February 3, 1914. When he was but a small child, his father, on account of ill-health, removed his family first to Indiana and then to Milwaukee for short stays, finally settling in Baraboo, Wisconsin, where he died in 1852. Here George D. Perkins passed his boyhood, working on a farm and in his brother's printing office and helping in the support of the family as he could. He acquired a fair English education in the common schools, to which by systematic application and employment of his leisure hours he added a thorough knowledge of the principal branches taught in the academies and colleges of those days. History, particularly of his own country, logic, English literature and the practice of English idiom especially received his attention. In 1860 he removed to Cedar Falls, Iowa, where with his brother he published the *Cedar*

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